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Dear Reader:

The BLM Wells Field Office has completed a Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment for the Ruby #6 allotment. This assessment displays all available monitoring data on the allotment, draws draft determinations on the level of attainment of the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health, and provides basic management recommendations. The evaluation will be available for review on the Elko District website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko\\_field\\_office/blm\\_programs/grazing.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_programs/grazing.html). Hard copies of the document are also available from the Elko District Office upon request.

The BLM is seeking input from the permittee, affected agencies, and members of the public interested in livestock grazing management on the Ruby #6 allotment in developing management strategies and alternatives that are in conformance with the Wells Resource Management Plan and that will make significant progress towards attaining the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health. All comments must be received by the Wells Field Office by close of business on Friday, 6 December 2012. Comments may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (775) 753-0255, or e-mailed to: [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_wellsfieldofficegrazingcomments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_wellsfieldofficegrazingcomments@blm.gov)

Comments received through this scoping process will be used to develop alternatives to be considered in the preparation of a new environmental analysis and disclosure of impacts to be prepared for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The process will result in BLM issuing a new permit renewal decision for the Ruby #6 allotment.

If you have any questions please contact Daniel Zvirzdin, Rangeland Management Specialist, at [dzvirzdin@blm.gov](mailto:dzvirzdin@blm.gov) or by telephone at (775)753-0331.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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